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Summary: Diversity in OS's would end the plague of viruses, as diversity is difficult to attack. In the nation's security interest MS should be busted.

At first I thought the lawsuit was a crock. I am not an MS product user or a detractor, but always thought Mr. Gates earned his bucks fair and square. But I really don't think so anymore. He basically copies and intimidates to do well. He is really afraid of face to face or shoulder to shoulder competition. He has copied the Apple OS time and again. He has spread lies about Open Source, as witnessed by the Halloween Papers. When Apple innovates something for an MS OS he makes it difficult to operate in Windows. When Apple comes up with an iMovie he makes a cheap copy. He has even copied the name of Mac OS X by calling his own cheap look alike XP, exploiting the confusion factor. He has also copied Apple Digital Hub concept. Finally, IE is too integrated into the MS OSes.

MS is too big and monopolistic for the good of the community. Diversity in OS's would end the plague of viruses also, as diversity is difficult to attack. In the nation's security interest MS should be busted. Get it over. Just do it. Like this:

Division One: Office Products.  
Division Two: OS  
Division Three: IE  
Division Four: Consumer Products  
Division Five: Games  
Division Six: Hardware as in X Box and Mouse.

Six Divisions would be good.

Also, make them pay Apple \$2 Billion for stealing ideas: the look, the feel, the packaging of products.